

CHAPTER 10

LIST OF AGENCIES/PERSONS CONTACTED

Certain statutes and regulations require Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) to consider consultations with Federal, state, and local agencies and federally recognized Native American groups regarding the potential for the proposed project to disturb sensitive resources. The consultations are generally required before any land disturbance can begin. Most of these consultations are related to biological, cultural, and Native American resources. Biological resource consultations generally pertain to the potential for activities to disturb sensitive species or habitats. Cultural resource consultations pertain to the potential for destruction of important cultural or archaeological sites. Native American consultations are concerned with identifying tribal concerns and issues related to the proposed project, including the potential for disturbance of Native American ancestral sites or traditional practices or resources.

TEP, and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as the lead Federal agency, have initiated consultations with Federal and state agencies as well as federally recognized Native American groups regarding the potential alternatives for the Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line Project to disturb sensitive resources. Table 10–1 presents a summary of DOE and TEP consultation meetings. Table 10–2 presents a summary of the consultation letters sent by DOE to agencies and Native American groups. Appendix A contains copies of the consultation letters sent by DOE. All agencies and Native American groups were provided with a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Information from the agencies and Native American groups responses are addressed in Chapters 3 and 4 as appropriate.

Table 10–1. DOE and TEP Consultations

Subject	Agency	Activity	Date
Land Management	BLM	Cooperating agency, contact Keith Moon	Ongoing
	USFS	Cooperating agency, contact <u>Teresa Ann Ciapusci</u>	Ongoing
	USIBWC	Cooperating agency, contact Doug Echlin	Ongoing
Biological Resources	Arizona Game and Fish Department	Meeting with Sherry Ruther, habitat Specialist	April 19, 2002
Water Resources	USACE	Meeting with Sallie McGuire, Los Angeles District, Arizona Regulatory Section	December 17, 2002
Cultural Resources	SHPO	Letter from Matthew Bilsbarrow, SHPO, to TEP	August 13, 2001

BLM = Bureau of Land Management; SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer; USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; USFS = U.S. Forest Service; USIBWC = U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. and Mexico.

Table 10–2. Summary of Consultation Letters

Subject	Consultation Letters To:			
	Agency	Name	Date	Response
Native American Government-to-Government consultation	Tribal governments of the 12 Native American communities/tribes/nations that are likely to have traditional concerns in the area: the Ak-Chin Indian Community, Fort Sill Apache Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O’Odham Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Yavapai Apache Nation, and the Pueblo of Zuni	Individual tribal government contacts listed in Table 3.4–1	Began on November 20, 2001	<u>Seven tribes responded, as documented in SWCA 2002c.</u>
Biological Resources	USFWS	David Harlow and Steven Spangle, Field Supervisor Arizona Ecological Services Field Office	April 5, 2002 <u>Sept. 21, 2004</u>	<u>Biological Opinion for Western Corridor received on April 26, 2004 in Appendix D.</u>
Other agencies or persons	Drug Enforcement Administration	Duty Agent, Phoenix Division	December 5, 2001	Response letter dated December 18, 2001, from Thomas W. Raffanello is in Appendix A
	U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service	William N. Johnston, Tucson Sub-office	December 5, 2001	None
	U.S. Border Patrol	Rob Daniels, Public Information Officer	April 3, 2002	None
		<u>Shawn Palmer, Tucson Sector</u>	<u>June 27, 2002</u>	<u>None</u>
		<u>David Aguilar</u>	<u>March 29, 2004</u>	<u>Response letter dated March 29, 2004 in Appendix A</u>
	Federal Aviation Administration	Chuck Pearman, Tucson Office	January 16, 2002	Response letter dated January 28, 2002, is in Appendix A

Table 10–2. Summary of Consultation Letters (continued)

Subject	Consultation Letters To:			
	Agency	Name	Date	Response
	U.S. Air Force	Rusty Arbeit, Airspace Management Office, Davis Monthan Air Force Base	January 16, 2002	Email response dated February 14, 2002 from Major David Von Brock is in Appendix A
		Lieutenant Colonel Allan Steffes, 162 nd Fighter Wing, Davis Monthan Air Force Base	March 20, 2002	In a telephone conversation with Mark Blauer of Tetra Tech, Lieutenant Colonel Steffes requested to be added to the draft EIS mailing list (Steffes 2002)
	EPNG	Gayle Koeninger	November 15, 2001	In a telephone conversation with Mark Blauer of Tetra Tech on February 19, 2002, Gayle Koeninger provided specifics on EPNG's pipeline and stated that the ACC's requirement for at least 100 ft between the edge of the pipeline ROW and support structures is adequate (EPNG 2002)

ACC = Arizona Corporation Commission; EPNG = El Paso Natural Gas; ESA = *Endangered Species Act*; ROW = right-of-way; USFWS = U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.